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(MBHB Docket No. 01-230)
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Providing a Virtual Distributed)
Gatekeeper in an H.323 System)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:


In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Issue Fee transmittal Form PTOL-85;
 - b) Comments on Statements of Reasons for Allowance;
 - c) Check in the amount of \$1,403.00; and
 - d) Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
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Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2005, the Applicants express appreciation for the allowance of the present application. The Applicants note the Office's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of claims 2, 4, 10 12, 17, 22, 23, 26, 28, 36, 34, 38 and 40 set forth in the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004, but further comment that the art of record, alone and in combination, fails to show, teach or suggest the entirety of each combination of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims of the present invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Office's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims. In light of the original disclosure, previous Office Actions and responses, however, the Applicants believe that the record as a whole does make

the reasons for allowance clear. Moreover, the Applicants believe that the Statements of Reasons for Allowance in this case are improper because it merely reiterates the selected portions of the prosecution record.

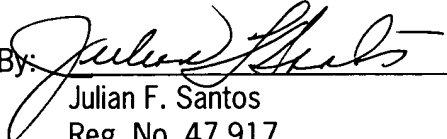
Although the Office expressly recited only the some elements of claims 2, 4, 10 12, 17, 22, 23, 26, 28, 36, 34, 38 and 40, the Applicants understand that the Office has thoroughly analyzed and examined all of the allowed claims in view of the prior art of record and has concluded that all of the allowed claims, in their entirety, recite patentable subject matter.

Further, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the Office's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. While the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, or that each feature is required for patentability.

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